



## SHARP HEALTHCARE NURSING LEADERSHIP

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### Summary

In my current role, I oversee the development, implementation and evaluation of the Institute's strategic plan, designed to advance the profession of nursing. I was most recently the Director of Research, Education and Professional Practice at Sharp Memorial Hospital. I am a Clinical Professor in the Clinical Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice Programs at USD Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science. I was the 2021 president of the Association of California Nurse Leaders.

My dissertation focused on evaluation of an educational initiative to promote evidence-based practice. I am a founding member and one of the lead faculty for the Consortium for Excellence in Nursing and Allied Health, San Diego, a community collaborative comprised of leaders from health care systems and schools of nursing. The consortium offers an annual Evidence-Based Practice Institute for advanced practice nurses or interprofessional leaders (mentors) and direct care providers (fellows).

### Research Interests

My research interests include nursing excellence accreditation, leadership and evidence-based practice.

### Education

- PhD, Nursing, USD Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, San Diego, CA, 2009  
Dissertation: Evaluation of an Educational Initiative to Promote Evidence-Based Practice
- MS, Nursing Administration, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, 1997  
Thesis: [title]
- BSN, USD Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, San Diego, CA, 1983
- AAS, Nursing, St. Mary's Junior College, Minneapolis, MN, 1978

### Certifications

Nurse Executive, Advanced-Board Certified (NEA-BC), American Nurses Credentialing Center  
Clinical Nurse Leader, Commission on Nurse Certification

### Recent Honors

- 2021 Pillar Award, Caster Nursing Institute, PTAP Accreditation, Sharp HealthCare
- 2019 Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award; USD Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science
- 2017 Chapter Excellence Award, San Diego, Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL)
- 2016 Pillar Award, Center of Nursing Excellence Scholarship Program, Sharp HealthCare

### Publications

- [Pub Med](#)

**Favorite Leadership Quote:**

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.” John F. Kennedy

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